

# Briefing on proposals for the Village Hall car park drainage

## 1. Prior to November 2021

- Proposals were discussed by E&L Committee in 2019 but no solution was agreed. In February 2021 compensation was paid for a damaged car tyre

## 2. A brief review of the situation since November 2021

- 29 November the full council debated the issue and  
[Resolved It was proposed that the Parish Council needed to take action to resolve the drainage issue. All Agreed](#)

A large scale drainage scheme was proposed which would need professional design. This need not be the only proposal, it was just the first one and probably the ideal solution. A final decision can be debated once designs and estimated costs are available

- 17 January update  
[22.6 Village Hall Car Park It was reported that Cllr Gray was experiencing difficulty with getting contractors interested in such a small job. The council asked for Cllr Gray to give some advice or suggestions on the way forward](#)
- 21 March update  
[27.7 Village Hall Carpark; Cllr French reported on behalf of Cllr Gray that the groundwork company undertaking civil works for Wickham Gate have agreed to quote for a drainage solution once they are on site with Hopkins Homes. This is expected to be imminent](#)
- 16 May. This item was not on the May annual meeting agenda because this is full of statutory work. While it was not on the agenda and therefore not minuted, it is known that there has still been no progress.

## 3. Next Steps

To move the original option forward the council will need to obtain a groundwork surveyors report and recommended solution. This may lead to the following course of events. The suggested timescales are based on the council meeting every other month and the fact that the construction industry is currently near full capacity. Timescales could be longer

- If this is a purchased report, three quotes will need to be sought and the council will need to agree which surveyor to appoint. [\(2 months\)](#)
- The surveyor will need to provide a report showing options and likely costs for each. [\(2 months\)](#)
- The council will then need to debate the preferred solution. [\(2 months\)](#)
- The council will need to obtain three quotes for the delivery of a full solution. [\(2 months\)](#)
- On receipt of the quotes the Council will need to agree on a preferred supplier [\(2 months\)](#)
- The contractors lead time is unknown

Based on this, it could easily be 10 months before any work begins. This takes us fully into next winter with flooding, mud and a dangerous hole in a public place

## 4. Proposed Interim Solution

As the damage to the car park is already a danger to traffic and the public, an interim solution is proposed which will:

- Repair the corner of the car park such that water does not stand on the surface using type 1 crushed concrete and at least 50mm rolled asphalt with band sealed joints.
- Repair the potholes in the approach and car park with band sealed asphalt

This solution is not expected to have an adverse effect on a full drainage solution as the repair is restricted to the current carpark area. The full drainage solution is expected to be constructed under the grass adjoining the car park